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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1904.

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SPRING SHIRT WAISTS.

The Cotton Shirt Waists for spring are beginning to arrive. If you are in need of a waist for common, why not get it now. They are new now and we have your size in any color.

ONE LOT waists of good quality gingham, in blue, green, grey and pink, full front, very neat, for 50c.

ONE LOT of black and white pique, tucked front, pearl buttons and large sleeves, only 59c.

ONE LOT waists of white vesting several patterns, tucked, large pearl buttons, neat and dressy, \$1.49.

Several pretty shirt waist patterns of vesting and pique.

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Our spring line of print and percale wrappers is ready for inspection. Remember ours is the DOMESTIC. Perfect in style and fit. They come in light, medium and dark colors, well made and true to size.

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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Bethel attorneys are attending court this week.

Prof. F. E. Hanscom was in Lewiston yesterday.

Mrs. Phebe Crooker is with the family of Mr. Liscoe Hall.

Mr. Fred Bartlett has moved into the house near the station.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Miss True Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Eli Stearns and Mrs. F. J. Foster are recovering from the grip.

Harold and Francis Chandler went to their home in Norway this afternoon.

Gerry Morgan and family have moved to the Tidswell place on Vernon street.

Mr. Milton Penley and family have moved into the Woodbury house on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Emery are soon to return and occupy their home on Mechanic street.

"Not Quite" will be launched on the sea of public sentiment, Mar. 17. Be present at the trial trip.

By way of variety in weather last week, Thursday brought a shower accompanied by thunder and lightning.

The Grand Trunk announce that they will sell St. Louis fares as low as any other railroad and that the rates will be ready for our next issue.

Mr. Frank Heath and family of Gilead, have moved into the lower rent of Mrs. Roxanna Beans' house. Mr. Heath is to be employed in the chair factory.

Mr. Henry Douglass will occupy the rent recently vacated by Mr. Warren Staples. Mr. Douglass is to have employment with Mr. E. E. Whitney at the marble works.

A meeting of the "Good Morals League" will be held at the Congregational chapel, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All charter members are urged to be present to complete the constitution and to put the League on a good working basis. Ideas, suggestions and instructions will be cordially welcomed from all. Thursday evening 7:30, Congregational Chapel.

We have several correspondents who receive the News from week to week in return for items furnished but who fail to send items of any consequence. We shall be very glad to continue to send the paper if they will make an effort to send us items as they are supposed to do, but unless we can have the items we shall be obliged to discontinue their paper and arrange with some one else. This does not apply to many of our correspondents. The few to whom it does apply will understand the reason if the News fails to put in an appearance at any time.

The social event of the week was a pretty party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Megrew given by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin O. Rowe at their well appointed and most hospitable home. The stately bride was most becomingly gowned in sea green silk trimmed with bands and a bolero of dark ecru lace. Mr. and Mrs. Megrew left town Monday morning carrying with them the best wishes of their many warm friends who will always be glad to welcome them whenever they return to Bethel their adopted home.

The St. Louis contestants are gaining ground steadily and there is no reason why each and every one should not get the required number of votes and yet much depends upon how anxious their friends are that they should go. They need help and encouragement and they will get there all right. New subscribers are what tall the most and a few for each contestant would make quite a change. Suppose you subscribe for that friend to whom you have been sending your copy after you have read it, or induce them to subscribe. It won't cost but a little more to send the paper from the office, than it has been costing you for postage to send it each week for the past five years or more.

Miss E. E. Burnham who was confined to the house last week by a severe cold is now able to be about her usual duties.

Editor Toothaker of Berlin, N. H., was in town last week. He was driving from Berlin to his former home in Brunswick. He returned home Monday night.

T. F. Hastings carries one arm in a sling. He stuck a silver in a finger and in cleaning a sewer at Prospect Inn poisoned the sore, the result causing him much suffering.

Miss Alice Billings attended the golden wedding given last Saturday night in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Wells of Gorham, N. H.

Sunday, March 13 will be observed as Missionary Day at both services at the M. E. church. In the morning the pastor will preach the annual missionary sermon, illustrated by maps, charts, curios, etc. In the evening, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will hold a meeting and in connection with it the maps and charts will be explained in detail. Much information of a reliable nature may be obtained. All are invited.

The Prescelle entertainment given under the auspices of the Volunteer Hose Co. was not largely attended on Friday evening owing to the severity of the weather, but the appreciative words of those who did attend together with more favorable weather brought out a full house on Saturday evening. The program, similar to those of his former engagement, consisted of various tests of mind reading, followed by hypnotic performances with several of our young people. The former was exceedingly interesting and the latter furnished laughable amusement. Following the entertainment on Saturday evening, a social dance was given by the Hose company.

"Not Quite."

This is the name chosen for the magazine which will be staged at Odeon Hall, Thursday evening, March 17, under the auspices of the Y. P. C. U. Every article between its two artistic covers will be brimming over with originality, amusement or education. The work is profusely illustrated, and much time has been spent in perfecting this unique entertainment. A prospectus will be given in the News next week. Remember the date, St. Patrick's day. Prices 20 and 30 cents.

A Favorite Remedy for Babies.

Its pleasant taste and prompt cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a favorite with the mothers of small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds and prevents any danger of pneumonia or other serious consequences. not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tobbetts, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

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Text-books, 300.
Tuition in secondary schools, 500.
Roads and bridges, 4000.
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BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

Do not forget to look at the pretty shirt waist patterns when you are in Miss Burnham's.

Telephone 136-4 calls up Merrill the photographer of Norway. Make a date with him.

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New neckwear this week at Miss Burnham's. All the latest novelties. Be sure and see them.

Esther May Lovejoy and her Flight to Heaven.

Esther May was the only child of Davis G. and Nellie May Lovejoy and was born in this village ten years, six months and twenty days ago.

On Tuesday, March 8, in the early morning hours, the brief life was brought to a close and the spirit, untouched by sin, except for the taint of inherent sinfulness with which we all come into this life, winged its way out of the darkness of the night to the morning of heaven—out of the pain and disease into the joy and strength of a child with God. The earthly life was short, but had brought much joy and sunshine to the home in which it had been spent.

Esther May was a pupil in the public school, being under the direction of Miss Twaddle during the last of her school days. She was a member of the Methodist Sunday school, and belonged to the Girls' Intermediate class taught by Mrs. M. E. Kendall.

She was also a member of the Junior League, and many of these Juniors are sad to-day because Esther May has gone away for so long a visit.

An attack of the measles, a disease of a nature not often feared, but in this case with serious complications, was the cause of her taking off. About two weeks ago she went out for the last time, to the mill where her father had charge, to "boss" a job of making skegs for her use. Then began in earnest the fatal illness.

God has taken one of His own for, "of such is the kingdom of heaven." We hoped against hope in the days that passed, but God saw differently from our hopes, and at last the end came. The end?—No—rather the beginning—here her life was but ten years—there it will be ten thousand times ten thousand.

If we could but grasp the truth that physical dissolution in a case like Esther May's, was surely the gateway to a more beautiful, a magnificent life, then we would not mourn, but our hearts are grieved because we do not see her afar and behold her in His arms. O, for a faith that shall bear us up in these hours of bereavement and earthly loss.

Our sympathy goes out to and our prayers are strong for the parents in their grief. The God of Israel keep them and draw them unto Himself.

The funeral services were held to-day at the home on Main street, the pastor of the family officiating. Her body is laid away, to disolve into the dust from whence it came, but as we look into the earth that hides the remains that have been visible to the physical eye, there come to us these words: "It is not the will of your Father in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

Congregational Church Items.

Owing to the absence of the pastor, the usual Sunday morning service will be omitted at the Congregational Church.

Sunday school at 12 o'clock and the Christian Endeavor meeting at 7 p. m. as usual.

Smoked Glasses

At this season of the year it is a great protection to the eyes to wear Smoked Glasses.

Should you need a pair, my stock is large and varied, 25 cents to 35 cents.

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THE TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.,
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ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1903.

Real Estate,	\$ 3,993.84
Mortgage Loans,	213,300.00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,125,143.37
Cash in Office and Bank,	231,788.32
Agents' Balances,	178,887.97
Interest and Rents,	11,902.74
All other Assets,	7,254.92
Gross Assets,	\$2,799,553.26
Deduct items not admitted,	45,978.35
Admitted Assets,	\$2,753,574.91

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.

Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 117,975.71
Unearned Premiums,	1,035,661.36
All other Liabilities,	15,116.84
Cash Capital,	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,076,800.43
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$2,753,573.30

Losses in the Baltimore fire, \$200,000.00
Cash in Bank, February 8, 1904, \$200,000.00

FREELAND HOWE, Agent,
42 H Norway, Maine.

PHENIX INSURANCE COMPANY,
of Brooklyn, N. Y.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.

Real Estate,	\$ 576,000.00
Mortgage Loans,	52,100.00
Collateral Loans,	10,850.00
Stocks and Bonds,	5,293,809.55
Cash in Office and Bank,	783,499.24
Agents' Balances,	666,000.50
Interest and Rents,	19,311.59
All other Assets,	63,277.59
Gross Assets,	\$7,519,538.88
Deduct items not admitted,	104,966.55
Admitted Assets,	\$7,414,572.33

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Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 391,713.76
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Mr. L. T. Wilson, sailmaker on Market street, Portsmouth, N. H., says: "I contracted a very bad cold which affected me in the lungs and in the upper part of the chest, causing distressing lameness, some urinary difficulty and I was quite stiffened up. As I had read considerable about Doan's Kidney Pills I went to Phillips' pharmacy and got a box. They went to the spot at once, and I did not use but part of the box before I was quite over my trouble. I gave the balance of my box to a friend, and there was plenty to cure him, although neither of us are very lightweights. I am prepared from my personal experience and from their effects on others to highly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. You can refer to me."

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates, heretofore named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four. The following matter having been presented for the action thereon heretofore indicated, it is hereby ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in The Bethel News, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

ROBERT E. POWERS, late of Greenwood, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Helen L. Powers, administratrix.

HELEN E. BISHOP, ward of Bethel, petitioned for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Fred L. Ordway, guardian.

DANIEL F. BEAN of Bethel, ward; first account filed for allowance by Clarence E. Barker, guardian.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest: ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscriber heretofore gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of

EPHRAIM BRYANT, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Feb. 16, 1904. Henry H. Hastings.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on every box. 25c.

ESKIMO BATH NO JOKE.

Boys, When All But Blistered, Plunge into the Snow.

Boys who make a fuss, because their parents oblige them to take frequent baths should be glad that they are not Eskimo children living on the shores of Norton Sound. In that cold region of Alaska all the boys are obliged to take a sweat bath every week, and this bath is no joke.

A fire of drift-wood is built in the centre of the floor of the kashim—the one-roomed house where the men and boys of a village pass most of their time—and when the smoke has passed off and the wood is reduced to red, glowing coals, a cover is put over the smokehole in the roof, and the place becomes intensely hot.

The boys then must take off their clothes and sit about the furnace-like apartment until their skin becomes as red as the shell of a boiled lobster and seems on the point of blistering.

Owing to the intense heat the bathers are obliged to wear respirators to protect their lungs. These respirators are pads of shavings bound together, concave on the inside and convex on the outside, and large enough to cover the mouth, nose and part of the cheeks of the wearer.

Across the inside runs a little wooden bar, which is held in the teeth to keep the respirator in place.

The boys sit there until they are dripping with perspiration. Then they rush outside into the intense cold and roll in the snow.

E. W. Nelson, who spent between four and five years in investigating for the Government the Eskimo living about Bering Strait, says: "On several occasions I saw them go from the sweat bath to holes in the ice on a neighboring stream, and, squatting there, pour ice water over their backs and shoulders with a wooden dipper, apparently experiencing the greatest pleasure from the operation."

Although the Eskimo boys seem to withstand such a bath as this all right and even to enjoy it, it would, in all probability, kill any white boy who tried it.—Detroit News Tribune.

HOW SHELLFISH TALK.

Warn Others of Danger by Weird Clicking Sounds.

Most seamen will tell of curious clicking sounds heard on calm nights at sea, and the origin of the noise seems so altogether unaccountable that it has often created some alarm among superstitious fishermen.

A distinguished naturalist made a careful study of the sounds on many occasions, and found that it was not a sustained note, but made up of a multitude of tiny ones, each clear and distinct in itself, and ranging from a high treble down to a bass. When the ear was applied to the gunwale of the boat, the sound grew more intense, and in some places, as the boat moved on, it could not be heard at all.

On other occasions the sounds resembled the tolling of bells, the booming of guns and the notes of an Aeolian harp.

For a long time he was unable to trace the cause, but at length discovered that the sounds were made by shellfish, hundreds of them opening their shells and closing them with sharp snaps. The noise, partly muffled by the water, sounded indescribably weird. He was finally led to the conclusion that, as the shellfish made the sounds, they probably had some meaning, and that the clicks might possibly be a warning of danger when the shallow water was disturbed by the boat.—Chicago Tribune.

The Modesty of Brahms.

At an interesting dinner-party given by Joachim, at which were present also his friends, Professor Dorn of Naples and Von Herzogenberg, the composer, an amusingly characteristic scene occurred. Joachim, in a few well-chosen words, was asking us not to lose the opportunity of drinking the health of the greatest composer, when, before he could say the name, Brahms bounded to his feet, glass in hand, and called out, "Quite right! Here's Mozart's health!" and walked round, clinking glasses with us all. His old hatred of personal eulogy was never more prettily expressed.—Leisure Hour.

The First Promoter.

Dr. Canfield's speech at the State Bankers' dinner, Thursday evening, made one important addition to the literature and history of banking, which greatly impressed the listeners. A statement had been made previously to all bankers in history—"from Noah down." Dr. Canfield asserted; adding, as his hearers looked at him in some surprise at the new name on the record: "I have read somewhere that Noah was the first who, in a season of general liquidation, managed to float considerable stock."

Clay Product of United States.

Nearly 20 per cent. of the clay products of the country is included under the term pottery. The value of the total product amounts to \$24,127,453, of which Ohio contributed \$10,619,193. New Jersey's pottery, valued at \$6,192,639, comes second on the list. Pennsylvania pottery amounted to the sum of \$1,876,263. West Virginia to \$1,166,464, and New York to \$929,431. The pottery production of nearly every other State was below half a million dollars in value.

In Peking the care of the streets is in charge of four mandarins and a number of soldiers, subject to their orders, but who hire coolies to do what little is done. This consists in sprinkling in dry weather and filling up puddles when it rains. All the rubbish not wanted in houses is thrown into the streets, and remains there.



Miss Gannon, Sec'y Detroit Amateur Art Association, tells young women what to do to avoid pain and suffering caused by female troubles.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I can conscientiously recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to those of my sisters suffering with female weakness and the troubles which so often befall women. I suffered for months with general weakness, and felt so weary that I had hard work to keep up. I had shooting pains, and was utterly miserable. In my distress I was advised to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it was a red letter day to me when I took the first dose, for at that time my restoration began. In six weeks I was a changed woman, perfectly well in every respect. I felt so elated and happy that I wanted women who suffer to get well as I did."—Miss GUILA GANNON, 359 Jones St., Detroit, Mich., Secretary Amateur Art Association.

It is clearly shown in this young lady's letter that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will certainly cure the sufferings of women; and when one considers that Miss Gannon's letter is only one of the countless hundreds which we are continually publishing in the newspapers of this country, the great virtue of Mrs. Pinkham's medicine must be admitted by all; and for the absolute cure of all kinds of female ills no substitute can possibly take its place. Women should bear this important fact in mind when they go into a drug store, and be sure not to accept anything that is claimed to be "just as good" as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, for no other medicine for female ills has made so many actual cures.

How Another Sufferer Was Cured.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot praise your wonderful remedies enough, for they have done me more good than all the doctors I have had. For the last eight years and more I suffered with female troubles, was very weak, could not do my housework, also had nervous prostration. Some days I would remain unconscious for a whole day and night. My neighbors thought I could never recover, but, thanks to your medicine, I now feel like a different woman."

"I feel very grateful to you and will recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all. It has now been four years since I had the last spell of nervous prostration. I only weighed ninety-eight pounds at that time; now I weigh one hundred and twenty-three. I consider your Vegetable Compound the finest remedy made. Thanking you many times for the benefit I received from your medicine, I remain, Yours truly, Mrs. J. H. FARBER, 2809 Elliott Ave., St. Louis, Mo."

Remember Mrs. Pinkham's advice is free and all sick women are foolish if they do not ask for it. She speaks from the widest experience, and has helped multitudes of women.

\$5000 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness. Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co., Lynn, Mass.

INDIANS UP TO DATE.

Squaws in Skirts, Waists, Flouncers and Ribbons.

The Indians from the Sac and Fox reservation belong to a tribe that shows in a marked degree the effect of civilization. True, some of the braves and all of the squaws still cling to their blankets in winter, but in summer it is no uncommon sight to see a brave wearing a well-made shirt that was the result of his squaw's labor. I have seen squaws wear skirts and waists, says a writer in the Chicago News, that were much like our own, the skirts having a Spanish flounce and the ever-present ribbon heading the flounce.

When more than twenty years ago the Presbyterian mission school was started on the reservation and the mysteries of the sewing machine were explained to the squaws they would come to town and ask the merchants for "benaek scheme scread," which meant black machine thread. The idea was that sewing-machine thread was the best.

The youngest squaws are now buying and wearing shoes with heels. Many a time I have seen an Indian girl of seventeen or eighteen summers being led and steadied while she learned to walk while wearing shoes, just as we would teach a little child to walk.

One of the severest rebukes I ever received was administered to me by the interpreter of this tribe, Joe Tesin. He came into my father's store and when I said, "Joe, your squaw is looking for you," he turned, looked me full in the face, folded his arms with a majestic air and replied, "That's my wife." Joe drives two good ponies hitched to a light wagon when he comes to town, and his wife occupies the front seat, while his three children occupy the rear one. Today Joe lives in a frame house, has a cook stove and sleeps in a modern bed.

An Indian is very proud of his children and his home is a sacred institution to him. Soon after the prohibition law was enacted the Indians would buy all the lemon extract a merchant would sell to them. When asked what they did

with it they would say, "Put in cake." They drank it, however, and it soon became unsafe for a merchant to have on his shelves more than half a dozen bottles at a time.

I never saw a deformed or crippled Indian. The use of eyeglasses is unknown. Their white, even teeth are an object of admiration to all white people.

In nothing else do the Indians show the result of civilization as much as in their conduct toward their wives. As is ever the case, the higher the degree of civilization the better the women are treated. Formerly the women did the farming and all heavy work, but now the men, under the guidance of an Indian farmer who is appointed by the government, raise large crops of hay, corn, and oats. They market their grain and return home with their winter's supply of flour. Thus they are learning to provide for the future by their own labor. The squaws attend to the planting and cultivation of the gardens.

A Kindly Collie.

Ten days ago two favorite dogs strayed from Rossen Castle, Burntisland—a collie and a small terrier—and diligent search proved ineffectual. Two days later the collie returned, and bore marks of rough usage. There were, however, no traces of the terrier, and the loss was reported to the police and advertised in the newspapers. During the week which followed, the vagaries of the collie attracted notice, and he was again absent, and returned. Though closely watched, he escaped last Saturday, and was away over Sunday till Monday morning, when he was observed by the lodgekeeper leading or dragging something up to the castle approach. This proved to be his little friend, but in a condition so unkempt and exhausted that he was scarcely recognizable. It is surmised that both dogs had wandered into a plantation two miles away, and that the terrier had been unable to return. He had, however, been tended by the collie, whose affection saved the life of his companion by eventually assisting him home.—Westminster Gazette.

A YOUNG MONSTER.

Boy Six Years Old Weighs Ten Stone.

The London School Board has been beaten by the fat boy of Peckham. The fat boy of Peckham is a child of six, who lives with his parents, working people, at Colgrove Road, midway between Rye Lane and the Old Kent Road.

He is about four feet in height, with a chest measurement of forty-four inches, and a weight of ten stone. He has enormous strength for his age, and altogether is the pride of Peckham. He is of school age, and the School Board has been concerning itself about his education.

After elaborate inquiries and an examination by a doctor it has been decided that he is too big and too strong to go to school. A correspondent in a letter which appeared in yesterday's Times, calls attention to this month's agenda of the Special Schools' Subcommittee, in which there appears the report of the doctor who examined the child. In the course of his remarks he says: "This child is of abnormal development physically. The account given of his weight (ten stone) is quite true. The increase in weight is due not only to fat but to muscular development as well, since the child can easily lift an ordinary adult. Mentally he seems in some ways precocious; he is quite educable. . . . Owing to his size and habits, I do not think it is possible to place him in any school. It is obvious he cannot attend an ordinary infants' department; not only would his extraordinary appearance create disturbance, but no desk would hold him, and his enormous strength would be dangerous to the other children."

"If taken to a physically defective centre he would take up the room of three or four children in the ambulance, even if he could be roused and dressed in time, which from the history of the case I should think improbable. I therefore suggest he be exempt from school attendance."

The committee admit their defeat in the terse sentence "Agreed to exempt from attendance."

"Jack," as the boy is known in the neighborhood, is himself happily unconcerned about his education. During the day he is generally to be found in or near a beerhouse in Wilbrook Road, where in the doctor's words, "He earns his dinner by acting as an advertisement."

In brain he is a quick-witted, intelligent child; in body he seems a preposterous exaggeration. He has the breadth of shoulder of a big man, thighs and calves which a navvy might be proud of, and above all the healthy open face of a gigantic baby.

He runs up and down the road to the canal bridge with a cheerful waddle, and shows an activity which puts to shame those local prophets who foretold that he would be paralyzed in his lower limbs. He will lift a fifty-six-pound weight with one hand to show you his bulk is not made up with fat alone, and despite his lack of education he knows the difference between six-pence and a shilling.

He is a favorite with all who know him, and the Peckham policemen and omnibus drivers are never tired of talking of him.—London Mail.

The Canal in 1779.

"We are doing a good deal of talking in this country about the Isthmian Canal," said an old-timer up at the Astor Library the other day. "I wonder how many of the new generation know that England's great naval officer, Nelson, appreciated the importance of a canal by the Nicaragua route away back in 1779? In that year Nelson was in the West Indies, and offered his services to the admiral and governor, Gen. Dalling, and was appointed to command the batteries of Fort Charles and Port Royal. Dalling had previously considered an attack against the Spanish colonies in Central America, and he consulted Nelson about it. Early in 1780 Nelson took 500 men to Cape Gracias a Dios, in Honduras, and began an exploration and an invasion. The Castle St. Juan, just below the Lake of Nicaragua, was taken, but an epidemic followed, and the dead became so numerous that their bodies had to be thrown into the lake. Nelson barely escaped from the disease. If you are curious to know what Nelson thought of the canal plan you can find his views fully set forth in Southey's 'Life of Nelson.' Nelson regarded the plan as most important in its consequences, and greater than any which up to that time had ever been effected by human power. Lord George Germaine, at that time secretary of state for the American department, approved of Nelson's plan."

Snakes Kill Thousands. I have been reading in my morning paper the statistics of a year's mortality from the attacks of snakes and wild animals in India, and have been almost compelled to doubt the evidence of my own eyes. In the year 1902 tigers killed more than a thousand people, sixty-five victims falling to one man-eater in a district of Bengal. Special rewards were offered for the destruction of this vicious beast, but nobody earned them. Wolves accounted for 377 people.

These figures are unpleasant reading, but are by no means the worst the statistics have to offer. How many people, who do not know India, can realize that last year alone more than 23,000 people died from snake bites, some 11,000 of these deaths coming from the Providence of Bengal, and more than 3,000 of these being credited to the Patna division. The figures take one's breath away.—The Sketch.

CURES RHEUMATISM



Wonderful Discovery by a Famous Doctor Scientist That Quickly Cures Rheumatism.

Relieves Pain, Eliminates the Uric Acid and Completely Removes Every Trace of This Terrible Affliction.

THE REMEDY IS FREE TO ALL.

Sufferers from Rheumatism will be glad to know that at last a remedy has been discovered which will positively cure this disease. No matter what stage the disease is in or how long you have had it, you can now be cured sound and well. The reports that come from users of this new cure seem almost incredible but they are true nevertheless. One man had Rheumatism for twenty years and this remedy cured him in two weeks. Another was in such pain he could hardly sleep nights. The first dose relieved his pain and a few days further treatment completely restored him to health.

A woman who had suffered long from this most tenacious of all diseases was induced by a friend to try this wonderful remedy. She, too, got well and never tires of telling her neighbors of her great good fortune in finding a permanent relief from what was proving the very bane of her existence.

As this discovery was only made a short time ago the remedy is entirely new and acts on a different principle from anything you may have previously taken. Write Doctor J. A. Lomas, Dept. 1101 South Bend, Ind., and describe your case. State if you have any other disease besides Rheumatism and the doctor will prepare what you need and send it to you by return mail free. The doctor insists upon knowing something of your general condition so he can cure your other afflictions, if you have any, while he is curing your Rheumatism. Mention the NEWS when answering this advertisement.

A DEFENSE OF FADS.

Faddist Represents To-morrow and Shouldn't Be Suppressed. There are people who have no fads. They are the most right, the most arid, the most uninteresting people in the world.

Why is it that "good form," while it does not violently offend, yet seldom falls in the long run to bore? Why is it that literature in the person of its volatile votaries has a way of feeling from "good form" and of spending its golden moments with Falstaff, Iliad, and Mulvaney? Because "good form," to reducing variegated individualities to a uniform color, makes deviations from an accepted type impossible. Deviators are faddists.

Where there are no deviators there is no life. Hence the reason why the conversation in the back room of a South Halstead street saloon is usually greater literature than the conversation over the bar of a fashionable resort. Low life has not yet had its fascinating excesses rolled out by that great leveller, "good form."

As Rensan said, "Every peasant is a stylist." That is, every peasant has his own way of saying things. He is a faddist. A "good form" man is not a faddist. His way of saying things is exactly like the way which every other "good form" man has adopted. Shall we therefore abandon "good form"? By no means. "Good form" is desirable as an attainment, as a standard, as the best that has yet been devised. But for the cultivation of variety and for the encouragement of change let us give the faddist his freedom. He represents to-morrow.

It was a fad at one time to refrain from putting the knife in the mouth. It was a fad to take a bath every day. It was a fad to declaim against slavery. It was a fad to take after dinner coffee in a small cup. People who did those things fell under the withering sarcasm of those who said that what was good enough for the signers of the Declaration of Independence was good enough for them.

The fact is that there is a blood relationship between fads and slang. Some slang is simply the tedious iteration of a more or less vulgar phrase, as "make your back ache." Other slang is the discovery of a phrase for which there is no equally terse, vigorous and figurative substitute, as "up to." Fads can be divided into two similar categories. Some of them turn out to be mere affectations—e. g., leaving the bottom button of the waistcoat unfastened. Others turn out to be valid indications of an impending change, like scientific diction. The man who can pick winners among fads and slang phrases is greater than the man who can pick winners among pugilists and race horses.—Chicago Tribune.

Separate the milk and cream immediately after milking.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1904.

World's Fair News-Notes.

Three acres are devoted to the display of pure foods at the World's Fair. The exhibit is in the Palace of Agriculture and is in charge of Paul Pierce.

Even with the four miles of standard gauge railroad tracks laid in the Palace of Transportation at the World's Fair, the immense floor space was not nearly exhausted.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of the present day Christian Science, has contributed \$1000 to the fund raised by popular subscription to enable New Hampshire to be adequately represented at the World's Fair.

Twenty woodsmen from Maine are "raising" the mammoth log cabin that will be the Pine Tree State's pavilion at the World's Fair. The site is in a thickly wooded section and the Maine loggers appear thoroughly at home.

Separate quarters, will be provided in the Indian reservation for Geronimo and Chief Joseph, the most noted Indian chiefs now alive. Both have led warriors against the United States, and both are actually prisoners, but are accorded much freedom.

The first order for the new Louisiana Purchase Exposition stamps calls for the printing of 90,000,000 one-cent stamps bearing the portrait of Robert R. Livingston, and 225,000,000 two-cent stamps bearing Thomas Jefferson's portrait. The stamps will be placed on sale at every United States post office on May 1.

The builders have finished their work on Connecticut's building at the World's Fair, and the furnishings are being installed. The building is a replica of the Signoriny mansion at Hartford. The main entrance was removed bodily from the original structure and installed in the World's Fair reproduction.

The completion of the largest pipe organ ever built has been announced. It is a special exhibit for the World's Fair, and occupies a large room specially built to contain it in the Festival Hall. The organ has 145 stops. There are 10,000 pipes, some of which are five feet square.

NORTH NORWAY.

Clarence Lord's son, three years old, recently fell down stairs and broke his leg.

O. N. Cox attended the funeral of his grandfather, Capt. Noyes, the 4th, who was ninety-two years old.

Mrs. Freeland Adams is quite sick.

Elmer Hussey is keeping house for Rollin Towne while his sister is visiting in Boston a few weeks.

Frank Packard is going to work for Mrs. Emma Noble.

Wm. Noble has returned from Massachusetts where he has been the past three months.

Marian Caffrey from the village has been visiting her aunt, Cora Wood several days.

Richard Walker who was accidentally struck on the head by a large bell is recovering.

Will Dunn is home from Orono.

Aldo French and wife of Attleboro, Mass., are visiting at Amos French's.

OLD BOOKS WANTED.

Early editions of American authors; State and town histories.

Address: Books,

360 No. Main St.

Brewer, Maine.

Humors Feed on Humors

The Sooner You Get Rid of Them the Better.

In the Spring there's an effort of Nature to cleanse your system. You know this by the pimples and other eruptions on your face and body.

Hood's Sarsaparilla taken in the Spring is assisted by this effort. Begin taking it at once. It thoroughly cleanses the system, gets into all its nooks and corners, removes all humors, and all unhealthy accumulations.

Buy It
Today

"I had salt rheum on my hands so that I could do but little work. I procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and it drove out the humor. I continued its use until the sores on my hands disappeared." Mrs. Ira O. Brown, Rumford Falls, Me.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Promises to Cure and Keeps the Promise.

Finances of Oxford County.

By the financial statement of the county of Oxford for the year 1903, it is shown that of the sum of \$25,000, the amount authorized by the Legislature for the County Tax of the several towns in Oxford County for the year 1903, the sum of \$25,114.38 was duly apportioned and assessed; the largest apportioned to any town was that of Rumford, \$4,536.92.

The report of the treasurer, George M. Atwood, shows the total receipts of the year to have been \$47,051.22; the expenditures, \$42,630.08. \$4,421.19 was in the treasury, Dec. 31, 1903.

The summary of expenses is: Paid costs Supreme Judicial court, March term, \$1,326.48; costs Supreme Judicial court, October term \$3,940.64; county commissioners, orders, \$17,184.80; salaries, loans, etc., \$20,228.11.

The county's liabilities are \$37,732; resources, \$951.63, giving an excess of liabilities of \$38,780.37.

The liabilities include: Bonded indebtedness, \$30,000; temporary loans, \$6,500; bills allowed and unpaid, \$931.40; due Oxford Law Library, \$300.60. The resources are: Due from State, tax on wild lands, \$3,557.06; unpaid county taxes, \$973.38, cash in treasury, Dec. 31, '03, \$4,421.19.

The annual report of J. R. Tucker, jailer of the Oxford county jail, gives the number of prisoners in jail Dec. 31, '03 as 18 and on Dec. 31, '03, as 21. The entire number committed for the year for the county was 129, of which the largest number for one cause was 66, for drunkenness. Thirty-three were committed for liquor selling, and 7 for non-payment of fines. Of the entire number, 8 were between the ages of 15 and 21 years. One prisoner was sentenced to state prison.

St. Catharine's Well.

In St. Catharine's, the Garden City of Canada, eleven miles from Niagara Falls, on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway, is situated the historic "St. Catharine's Well," about which is woven many a romantic Indian legend, and whose curative properties are known far and wide throughout North America. The water of this famous Saline Well is considerably denser than sea water, but clear, sparkling and odorless, and is remarkable for its penetrative qualities.

These waters are a great specific for such diseases as rheumatism, gout, scrofula, neuralgia, liver troubles, skin diseases, and cases of nervous prostration, or as a tonic pure and simple. The treatment is conducted on the broadest possible lines, the idea being to assist nature as much as possible. The use of the waters is the chief medical agent, accompanied by static electricity, massage, exercise and rest. All treatment is in charge of a house Physician. The baths are in a separate building, connected with main building by a glass covered corridor.

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CANTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Beck's

LOCKE MILLS.

L. P. Bryant has been quite sick threatened with pneumonia but is now out.

Howard Maxim is hauling long lumber for E. L. Tebbets & Co. from their mountain lot.

Percy Farnham is at home sick with a bad cold.

W. H. Farnham and wife went to West Ellis, Rumford, Saturday returning Sunday.

A. L. Emery was up from Auburn on Sunday.

Geo. Mason and wife of Hanover were visiting friends at Locke's Mills, Sunday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alton Cordwell, Feb. 25.

Mrs. Lizzie Demond has been visiting at home.

D. D. Cross has been sick with the bad cold so many are suffering from.

G. R. WILEY RELIES UPON HYOMEI

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Hyomei is nature's own method for curing catarrh, colds, coughs and diseases of the respiratory organs. It is the only natural treatment for the cure of these troubles.

Breathed through the neat pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit, the air that passes into the throat and lung, is identical with that on the mountains, where it is laden with healing and health giving balsams. It searches out and kills disease germs in the most remote and minute air cells of the head, throat and lungs; it soothes and heals all irritation of the mucous membrane.

Hyomei is prescribed by physicians generally. Many of them use it themselves to break up a cold and prevent pneumonia.

The complete Hyomei outfit consists of a neat inhaler, that is so small and convenient that it can be carried in the pocket of purse, a medicine dropper and a bottle of Hyomei. This costs but \$1, and it will cure any ordinary case of catarrh. In chronic and deep seated conditions, longer use is necessary and extra bottles of Hyomei can be obtained for 50c., making it a most economical treatment for this disease.

G. R. Wiley has so much confidence in the power of Hyomei to cure catarrh and other diseases of the throat and lungs that he sells it under his personal guarantee to refund the money to any purchaser in case it fails to give satisfaction. He takes all the risk himself, and Hyomei costs you absolutely nothing unless it does you good.

The private car used by President Lincoln, during the civil war and which carried his body to Springfield for burial, has been loaned to the St. Louis exposition for exhibition in the Lincoln museum by the Union Pacific railroad company which now owns the car.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured.

William Shaffer, a brakeman of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time was able to go to work as happy as a clown."

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

News' Excursion

TO THE

St. Louis Exposition
AND
NIAGARA FALLS

Several will go as Guests of Honor and at our Expense. Others at Rock Bottom Prices.

The News proposes to conduct an Excursion to the St. Louis Exposition early in the summer, to accommodate such young people from this section as desire to attend that Exposition, which will be the greatest exposition that the world has ever seen or will be likely to see for many years to come. We have heard many young people express a desire to go to St. Louis, which fact has prompted the arrangement for this Excursion, not as a money-making scheme, but in order to secure to all the advantage of such excursion rates as may be obtainable. The editor, Mr. E. C. Bowler, who will personally conduct the party, will visit the Exposition during the month of May at which time he will secure the lowest possible rates for the party which he will take a few weeks later. And now as to

Those Who Are To Go Free.

Yes, several of this party will go absolutely free as far as necessary expenses are concerned. We shall pay their railroad fares, Pullman service, hotel bills and fares into the Exposition, so that their only expense will be what they may choose to spend. Just who these fortunate ones will be, will be determined by a

VOTING CONTEST

Not a voting contest like most voting contests in which one wins and all the others lose, but a contest in which all who work win.

In all contests some one has to be second, another third and so on; each of these may have worked just as hard as the first, but they get no reward. Notice the different St. Louis Contests running in the papers at the present time. In many cases there are scores in the fight, but in all cases, one will go and all the others will be disappointed.

OUR PLAN.

Ours will be a Voting Contest just the same as the others, but will differ in the respect that each and every person who gets 16,000 votes will go at our expense. There is no limit as to field. People in the County or outside the County may enter. Any desiring to go under this proposition should enter their names at once before their friends have pledged their support to some one else. Votes will be counted according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE FOR COUNTING.

	Votes.
1. Each paper will contain a Coupon which when properly filled out and returned to us will count.....	1
2. Each dollar paid on new subscriptions will count.....	100
3. Each dollar paid on renewals by present subscribers will count.....	40
4. Each dollar paid on arrears by present subscribers will count.....	25
5. Each dollar paid on new advertising secured by the contestants or their friends will count.....	50
6. Each dollar for new advertising, secured by such written contract as shall be acceptable to us will count.....	25
7. Each dollar paid for job printing will count.....	25

CONDITIONS.

Contestants must note these conditions carefully as they must be observed to the letter.

1. Votes once credited to one contestant cannot be withdrawn and given to another.
2. Subscriptions discontinued and begun again during the contest will be credited at the renewal rate, even though they may have come in under another name in the same family.
3. If a subscriber is in arrears and pays up to date and one or more years in advance, the amount to date will be received as arrears and the balance as a renewal, as per schedule for counting.
4. Credit on advertising must be for space actually secured by contestants and does not apply in any way to our present advertising. Any increased business which may be secured from our present subscribers will be counted, but no credit will be allowed on money paid for regular space now carried. Should any of our regular advertisers discontinue their advertising and begin again during the life of the contest, such will not be considered new business and no credit will be allowed.
5. The same applies to job printing as to advertising. All must be new work. No credit will be given on any work already secured by the office.
6. The standing of each contestant will be published each week.
7. The Contest will close about June 20. The exact date will be given later. The Excursion will be as soon after the closing date as possible.

Bethel News St. Louis Coupon.

One Vote For

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THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE CO.

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(Incorporated in 1863.)

Amount at Risk, Life, \$13,751,412.

Cash Assets, Dec. 31, 1903, \$4,421,190.37.

Real Estate owned by the Company, \$25,114.38.

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Loans on this Company's Policies, \$443,755.03.

Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company, market value, \$5,485,625.92.

Loans on Collateral Security, \$99,727.10.

Cash in the Company's principal office and in Bank, \$1,567,225.44.

Interest accrued but not due, \$116,083.24.

Life Premiums in due course of collection, \$739,497.83.

Total, \$40,105,849.39.

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$82,713.53.

Reserve for Claims against Employers, \$1,111,882.00.

Reserve for Re-insurance, \$2,954,580.72.

Additional reserve, Liability Dept., \$100,000.00.

Commissions and other demands against the Company, \$27,359.06.

All Liabilities, except Capital Stock and Net Surplus, \$34,876,533.29.

Capital paid up in cash, \$1,000,000.00.

Surplus beyond capital, \$4,015,816.10.

Total, \$40,105,849.39.

41 G.

UNITED STATES CASUALTY CO.

141 Broadway, New York City.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.

Real Estate, \$5,000.00.

Mortgage Loans, \$5,000.00.

Stocks and Bonds, \$1,450,400.00.

Cash in Office and Bank, \$8,895.23.

Bills receivable, \$1,444.27.

Interest and Rents, \$12,818.24.

All other Assets, \$1,607.28.

Gross Assets, \$1,624,886.82.

Deduct items not admitted, \$1,444.27.

Admitted Assets, \$1,623,442.55.

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$106,055.02.

Unearned Premiums, \$2,737.10.

All other Liabilities, \$300,000.00.

Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,387,650.43.

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,387,650.43.

41 G.

CALEDONIAN INSURANCE CO.

of Edinburgh, Scotland.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.

Real Estate, \$431,187.16.

Stocks and Bonds, \$67,800.00.

Cash in Office and Bank, \$187,395.82.

Agents' Balances, \$125,625.00.

Bills receivable, \$367.93.

Interest and Rents, \$12,443.15.

All other Assets, \$1,734,233.31.

Admitted Assets, \$1,734,233.31.

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$115,256.66.

Unearned Premiums, \$47,846.84.

All other Liabilities, \$29,613.51.

Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,541,516.31.

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,541,516.31.

41 G.

GENERAL ACCIDENT ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LTD.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.

Real Estate, \$98,441.65.

Mortgage Loans, \$30,000.00.

Stocks and Bonds, \$47,438.25.

Cash in Office and Bank, \$10,225.35.

Agents' Balances, \$5,022.35.

Interest and Rents, \$4,016.11.

Gross Assets, \$195,344.43.

Deduct items not admitted, \$31,120.92.

Admitted Assets, \$164,223.51.

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$83,037.00.

Unearned Premiums, \$160,123.80.

All other Liabilities, \$26,925.51.

Cash Capital, \$239,000.00.

Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,140.20.

Total Liabilities and surplus, \$1,140.20.

41 G.

LLOYDS PLATE GLASS INS. CO.

of New York.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.

Real Estate, \$465,000.00.

Stocks and Bonds, \$400,406.66.

Cash in Office and Bank, \$32,100.26.

Agents' Balances, \$17,591.95.

Gross Assets, \$915,098.87.

Deduct items not admitted, \$17,591.95.

Admitted Assets, \$897,506.92.

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$83,037.00.

Unearned Premiums, \$160,123.80.

All other Liabilities, \$26,925.51.

Cash Capital, \$239,000.00.

Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,140.20.

Total Liabilities and surplus, \$1,140.20.

41 G.

United States Branch NATIONAL ASSURANCE CO.

ELERS INSURANCE CO.	
Hartford, Conn.	
Incorporated in 1863.	
Life, \$13,751,412.	
Accident, \$1,750,843.	
Assault, Dec. 31, 1903.	
by the Company un-	
d Mortgages, (first liens) \$700,138.54	
Company's Policies, \$2,439,550.00	
owned by the Company.	
Security, \$2,535,629.50	
any's principal office and	
but not due, \$157,234.44	
due course of collection, \$19,083.54	
739,497.83	
\$40,105,849.39	
LITRINS Dec. 31, 1903.	
against Employers, \$82,723.52	
Insurance, \$1,111,850.00	
Liability Dept., \$2,954,280.72	
other demands against	
127,359.06	
cept Capital Stock and	
cash, \$34,876,533.29	
Capital, \$1,000,000.00	
\$40,105,849.39	

ATES CASUALTY CO.	
New York City.	
Dec. 31, 1903.	
\$ 5,000.00	
5,000.00	
4,450,000.00	
Bank, \$8,895.23	
1,444.37	
12,822.50	
91,507.28	
admitted, \$1,624,880.80	
1,714.37	
\$1,623,744.43	
LITRINS Dec. 31, 1903.	
\$ 106,055.00	
489,414.06	
28,751.17	
300,000.00	
abilities,	
and Surplus, \$50,000.00	
\$1,053,744.43	

AN INSURANCE CO.,	
Birmingham, Scotland.	
Dec. 31, 1903.	
\$ 433,287.16	
987,800.00	
Bank, \$187,396.82	
128,625.50	
357.93	
12,443.55	
4,533.25	
\$1,734,353.51	
LITRINS Dec. 31, 1903.	
\$ 113,251.66	
847,846.84	
20,613.53	
abilities,	
and Surplus, \$74,091.43	
\$1,734,353.51	

CIDENT ASSURANCE	
RATION, LTD.	
Dec. 31, 1903.	
\$ 98,441.65	
30,000.00	
Bank, \$47,438.25	
2,100.00	
50,222.35	
4,040.12	
mitted, \$ 612,347.43	
31,120.92	
\$ 681,226.51	
LITRINS Dec. 31, 1903.	
\$ 3,155.21	
239,406.41	
28,711.92	
250,000.00	
abilities,	
and Surplus, \$21,755.63	
\$769,099.17	

ATE GLASS INS. CO.	
New York.	
Dec. 31, 1903.	
\$465,000.00	
400,400.00	
Bank, \$31,400.20	
71,501.95	
\$769,099.17	
LITRINS Dec. 31, 1903.	
\$ 3,155.21	
239,406.41	
28,711.92	
250,000.00	
abilities,	
and Surplus, \$21,755.63	
\$769,099.17	

States Branch	
ASSURANCE CO.	
Dublin, Ireland.	
Dec. 31, 1903.	
\$535,332.62	
Bank, \$1,731.80	
\$1,916.98	
admitted, \$638,981.49	
\$14,572.54	
\$607,408.95	
LITRINS Dec. 31, 1903.	
\$58,920.12	
\$34,886.33	
\$7,500.00	
abilities,	
and Surplus, \$607,408.95	
LER & CO., Agents,	
South Paris, Me.	



WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

Court in South Paris this week. The air grows softer as the days grow long.

Mrs. Lois C. Bean returned home from Portland last week.

Good roads for attending town meeting Monday, but many voters stayed away.

Last year's hay crop is not spending as well as usual and some farmers will have to buy.

"Six weeks of sledding in March" will not be needed this year to complete lumbering operations.

Percy O'Brien is occasionally seen driving a nimble stepping colt which he is breaking.

Elbert Briggs went to Bethel Hill Saturday, and is this week with his sister, Mrs. Etta Cummings, in Albany.

E. R. Briggs received a nice bound book last week as a prize for solving all the puzzles in Farm, Stock and Home for four months.

Miss Ethel L. Allen is our West Bethel candidate for a free trip to the world's Fair, and must receive the required 10,000 votes.

A copy of the Bethel Courier dated Sept. 27, 1860, is before me. The paper was at that time published by James Nutting, and edited by Dr. N. T. True. Among the Bethel Hill advertisers I find the names of E. B. Goddard, F. S. Chandler, A. P. Knight & Co., Cyrus M. Wormell, James E. Ayer, D. A. Twitchell, Wm. F. Lovejoy and D. S. Mitchell.

Best Remedy for Constipation.
"The finest remedy for constipation I ever used is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Mr. Eli Butler, of Frankville, N. Y. "They act gently and without any unpleasant effect, and leave the bowels in a perfectly natural condition." Sold by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

GRAFTON.
Charles Eames of Bethel, visited his sister, Mrs. O. W. Brooks, over Sunday.
The tote teams of A. F. Brooks passed through here last Thursday with bateaux from Rumford Falls delivered to Umbagog lake for the International Paper Company's drive down the Androscoggin river the coming spring.
Mrs. G. A. Otis escaped what might have proved quite a serious accident last week. While going down cellar she made a mis-step when near the foot of the stairs and fell; fortunately, however, no bones were broken, but she received quite a shock, and is now quite lame from the effects of the fall.

NORTH ALBANY.
C. P. Pingree and wife visited at H. P. Wheeler's the first of the week.
Mrs. Bert Brown is in Newburyport, Mass., for medical treatment.
Will Tyler has finished his contract hauling wood and is at home now.
Mrs. Frances Bennett is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cole, at Newry.
Charles Abbott is hauling slab wood for Paris Mfg. Co., to West Bethel.
N. W. Bennett is hauling birch timber for Ed McPhee to Springer's mill.

If troubled with weak digestion, belching or sour stomach, use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will get quick relief.
For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought
Sells the
Beware of
Imitations

SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

E. L. Parlin is quite sick.
Mrs. L. M. Lunt is in New York this week on business.

Ethel Campbell spent last week visiting in Bryant's Pond.

Mr. Frank Mayo has hired W. D. Clark's rent and is soon to move in.

Rev. E. S. Drew of Sedgwick preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Leslie Mason of Portland, president of the Mason Manufacturing Company has been spending a few days here.

Charlie Virgin of Rumford has been a guest of Morton Bolster a few days.

Albert D. Park was in Rumford Falls several days last week selling a stock of goods at auction.

Fred Scott and wife came here from Freeport to spend Sunday and Mrs. Scott is spending the week here.

Mrs. Ernest Parlin of Sabatis is spending the week at W. H. Blake's. Mr. Parlin was here over Sunday.

Lucella Crockett, Susie Porter and Annie Jenne are home from Farmington Normal school for a week's vacation.

Mrs. E. A. Howe and son Henry are spending a few weeks at Waltham, Mass. Mrs. Howe will visit New York.

A fire broke out in the apartments of Mrs. O'Brien in Grace Thayer's house about 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning. The fire company was called out and soon had the flames under control, but not before considerable damage had been done. This is the first fire in town for over a year.

W. W. Paine was elected lay delegate and Mrs. Harry Morton alternate last week to the lay electoral conference to be held April 1 in connection with the Methodist conference at Rumford Falls.

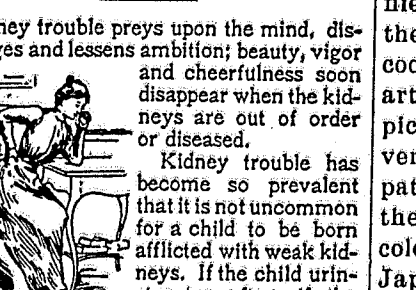
Alton C. Wheeler Esq., superintendent of schools was one of the judges in a prize speaking contest at Bethel recently.

Mrs. T. S. Barnes and Eva Emma Walker entertained their Sunday school classes on the evening of Feb. 22, at Mrs. Barnes' home; a Washington's birthday party. The house was patriotically decorated and a miniature cherry tree with ripened fruit was conspicuous. Refreshments of punch, fancy crackers, cake and sherbet were served.

Mr. Oliver G. Curtis died at his home on High street about two miles above the village, Monday afternoon Feb. 22, at 5 o'clock. He has been sick for a long time and last summer went to the Sister's hospital in Lewiston where he underwent operations. He returned feeling much improved but for a few weeks had been failing. He was about sixty years of age and served from August 1862 through the war as a private in Co. F of the 17th Maine Infantry. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in charge of Rev. A. W. Pottle. Interment in

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.
Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.
Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.
Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.
Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.



Do You Want Strength?
If you want to increase your strength you must add to and not take from the physical. In other words, the food that you eat must be digested, assimilated and appropriated by the nerves, blood and tissues, before being expelled from the intestines. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure adds to the physical. It gives strength to and builds up strength in the human system. It is pleasant to the taste and palatable, and the only combination of digestants that will digest the food and enable the system to appropriate all of its health and strength-giving qualities. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

Ayer's

One dose of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral at bedtime prevents night coughs of children. No croup. No bronchitis. A

Cherry Pectoral

doctor's medicine for all affections of the throat, bronchial tubes, and lungs. Sold for over 60 years.

"I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my family for eight years. There is nothing equal to it for cough and cold, especially for children."—Mrs. W. H. BRYANT, Shelby, Ala.

Night Coughs

Keep the bowels open with one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime, just one.

Riverside Cemetery. William K. Kimball Post attended in a body and were escort.

The annual corporation meeting was held Tuesday evening Mar. 1, in Engine house hall, with an attendance of 75 to 100 citizens. The meeting was most harmonious and all the reports showed a most gratifying condition of affairs. In nearly every department there is a balance remaining. In the fire department the expenses were only \$1.75, there not having been a fire in the village for more than a year. This year it was voted to pay the firemen 50c for attending annual meetings and two fire drills a year. All the reports were accepted, the assessors' report as printed, the report from the hearse fund, no report from the water and light committee. The following officers were elected:

Moderator—James S. Wright.
Clerk—E. N. Huskell.
Assessors—A. M. Walker, O. E. Barrows, P. E. Wheeler.
Treasurer—F. A. Shurtleff.
Collector—A. H. Jackson; percentage, .015.
Chief Engineer—A. E. Shurtleff.
Assistants—W. A. Porter, P. E. Wheeler.

AMOUNT APPROPRIATED.
Parks.....\$100.00
Town Clock.....12.00
Hydrants.....1,000.00
Fire Department.....300.00
Miscellaneous.....175.00
Ivan Haggett has gone to Portland to work.

Eben S. Kilborn and wife of Bethel made a short stay with her parents, S. P. Stearns and wife last week on their return from their bridal tour.

Mrs. J. B. Wheelwright died last week at the home of her son in Minneapolis. She was the widow of Rev. J. B. Wheelwright who was pastor of the South Paris Congregational church from 1868 to 1877.

The annual fair for the benefit of the Universalist church, which this year was called the Butterfly Carnival, was held in New Hall Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week and was one of the most unique affairs yet given by the Good Cheer society. The booths were trimmed with white and lettered with silver. Both booths and walls were profusely decorated with butterflies. Over head at many points large butterflies were fastened or suspended. The ladies in charge of the booths, those acting as ushers and floor directors were miniature butterflies. The tables were devoted to the sale of ice cream, refreshments, cooking supplies, aprons, fancy articles, art table with handsome pictures. The candy table was very attractive and had a busy patronage. Another booth was in the form of a brig bearing the colors of the United States and of Japan. The supper was in G. A. R. Hall and was generously patronized.

\$100 Reward, \$100.
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by all druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

NEWRY.
L. M. Blanchard has finished working for David Fleet and is visiting in Hanover.
Don Smith hauled a load of freight to Grafton last week.
Frank Douglass has finished hauling birch to the mill.
Mrs. A. B. Frost visited at Frank Douglass' last Saturday.
John Allen and family who have been sick, are improving.
The rain of last week was received with much pleasure, although there was not enough to help those who have no water.

ANDOVER.

We are having mild weather Saturday forenoon the thermometer registered twenty-two below; at noon it was forty-four above, a difference of sixty-six degrees in about five hours.

Lone Mt. Grange has held the second meeting in the contest now going on between the two sides with Barbara Cushman and Llewellyn Hall as captains. Miss Cushman's side gave the following program: Original poems, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Guy Caldwell, Mrs. Guy Caldwell, Mrs. Bertha Hall; music, Elwin Talbot and Margery Burgess; recitations, Flossy Perkins, Mr. John F. Talbot, Emma R. Glines; readings, Mrs. G. W. Abbott, Walter Bailey, Mrs. P. C. Hoyt, Mrs. C. A. Andrews; dancing, Misses Burgess and Boynton. Program for Mr. Hall's side: Music, Mesdames Talbot and Elliot, E. S. Dutton and O. B. Poor; readings, Clarence Bailey, Mrs. J. F. Caldwell, Harry Merrill, Mrs. M. H. Elliott and J. L. Bailey; recitations, Walter Howe, Matthew Elliott, E. S. Dutton, Sidney F. Abbott; original poems, Philip C. Hoyt, Rev. S. Holden after which remarks were made by Mr. Frank Hoyt of Rumford Grange; Mr. D. G. Glines was also present from Rumford Grange. The third and last contest will occur March 19.

Rev. S. Holden preached an interesting sermon last Sunday on the subject "Character of Wisdom." The text was found in Proverbs 17:24.

The Christian Endeavor gave a social at Union hall last Wednesday evening. A short program consisting of music by Miss Elliot and Mrs. Titus, recitations by Mrs. Willard Newhall, Messrs. J. L. Bailey and C. A. Andrews, was given. Ice cream and cake were served with a good financial result.

Our town meeting was held last Monday. One article in the town warrant is to see if the town will appropriate a certain sum of money to celebrate a Centennial. The King's Daughters will furnish dinner to all who wish.

Mrs. F. R. Thomas had a whist party last Saturday evening.

Mrs. R. L. Melcher of Rumford Falls, is the guest of Mrs. Charles Dresser.

Miss Bertha Poor has gone to Portland and Rockland for a short visit.

Mr. Ernest Cutting and family have moved to Hartford where he has purchased a farm.

Married, at the parsonage, on Wednesday evening, by Rev. S. Holden, Miss Florence Cutting and Mr. Elmer Roberts of Aroostook county. The wedded couple left on Thursday with Mr. Ernest Cutting and family.

Chester Sweatt arrived from the Portland hospital where he had a surgical operation on his feet. He is much improved.

Miss Helen Learned has returned from Farmington Normal School.

Frank Newton has gone to Boston for a few days' visit.

Mr. Brackett of Boston, spent Sunday with his wife at Mrs. Frank McAllister's.

To the Public.

I desire to inform the public that I have purchased the CALVIN BISBEE STORE, in Bethel, and shall continue the same line of business as was carried on by Mr. Bisbee. I assure all that I shall endeavor to maintain the reputation of this store as far as is possible for me to do so, and I earnestly invite my share of the public trade.

Clarence K. Fox, Bethel, Me.

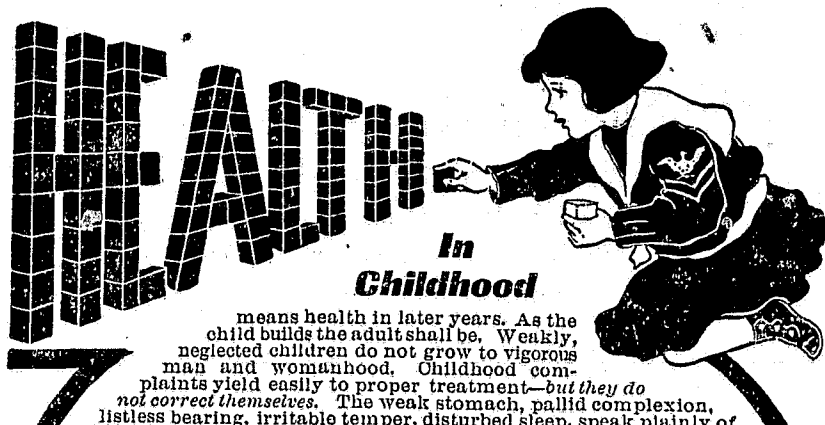
When in Rumford Falls be Sure and see Our Stock of Ranges, Hardware, Tinware, Paints and Oils.
The Largest and Freshest Stock in Oxford County.

STANLEY BISBEE,
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Wood Ashes FOR SALE
In any quantity desired. Car load lots a specialty. For Prices and particulars, address
SIMON STAHL,
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FOR
THE BABIES, THE MISSES, THE LADIES, {Dresses.
Don't Wait Until that 1½ cent Silkaline is all gone before buying a new drapery for shelf. Silkaline will cost you 12 cents after March 2nd.
There are new goods every week—
BELTS, CRUSHED LEATHER, in all widths, STOCKS and NECKWEAR of all styles, YARNS, HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR, DRESS TRIMMINGS, STAMPED LINENS, TOWELS, and SMALL WARES CONSTANTLY ON HAND.
Agency for the Standard Fashions.
AT
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HEALTH
In
Childhood

means health in later years. As the child builds the adult shall be. Weakly children do not grow to vigorous men and womanhood. Childhood complaints yield easily to proper treatment—but they do not correct themselves. The weak stomach, pallid complexion, listless bearing, irritable temper, disturbed sleep, speak plainly of the ailments common to children, most of which have their origin in disordered stomach and bowels.

The greatest safeguard to children's health is

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For indigestion, irritability, constipation, poor appetite, peevishness, fevers, stomach and liver troubles, and worms it is unequalled. Parents of two generations have relied upon it. It restores sound, vigorous health when nothing else will. First it removes the cause, then aids nature to repair the damage; builds anew the waste, enriches the blood and sends a glow of health and vigor to every organ and tissue of the body. At all drug stores, etc. Write for free booklet: "Children and Their Diseases."

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Systematic Saving.

A friend who found difficulty in the task of remembering on Christmas day several men, women and boys who had helped to make her comfortable during the year has devised a scheme whereby the strain will be removed, while the recipients of her gifts will lose nothing. She began the day after Christmas to drop five cents into a bank for every twenty-four hours that brings her nearer the next mid-winter holiday and calculates that the season will find her prepared to meet that demand without digging into her purse.

There is no doubt that money can be easily saved in this manner. There are a few who can take a part of their earnings and put it away without a regret or a longing to put it into something they desire very much. But the majority, if they are truthful, will confess that they find it quite impossible to get along without those dollars. Manifestly they need plans by which they will be deceived into believing that they have their entire salary to spend as they please. Each day they can put away a quarter, or ten or five cents, or even pennies. A bank for dimes fills very quickly; when one puts away a quarter a day it rolls up to respectable proportions in a year.

At all events since saving something each week is imperative to the welfare of every wage-earner the manner of saving does not matter provided it is compatible with self-respect. The meanest kind of saving is grinding down those who work for you, and there should be some penalty for it. I don't believe real prosperity ever came from such a course. I believe that each person has a right to the value of their services, and those who pay it are not wasting money. I do not wish to create uneasiness but merely to encourage a habit of looking life fairly in the face. We are not certain of even breath from one day to another, yet we often pass our days as if we held a life long position at our chosen occupation and would receive compensation whether we were ill or well. Yet we know that illness is easy to meet and hard to vanquish, and it eats enormous holes in one's finances.

So I say save all you can consistently with health and comfort, but a little, even if it pinches a bit. There is enough poverty and wretchedness in the world to frighten us into thrift if we could only be brought to consider it. Accidentally I discovered that hundreds of newsboys, hard-working little fellows, some without homes and some with very poor ones, are regular visitors to savings banks where small sums are received. When they reach manhood they will not only have a little nest egg, but better still, they will have acquired the habit of saving and fortified themselves against discomfort in sickness or age.

There are several wage-earners who have had some form of sickness to deal with every year. Naturally they have learned to prepare for it by saving something each week. It is often all consumed during the sick spell, but it has meant comfort and peace of mind when both were much needed. Limited incomes mean the absence of luxuries, but luxuries are not necessary to either health or comfort, in fact they are frequently detrimental to both. Every woman has a fondness for pretty things, but some of them have more than they can enjoy, and

others find them quite useless in the life they are forced to lead.

There is no doubt that more money can be saved in taking care of one's belongings than in any other way. A few articles kept beautifully neat will last long and look well to the last, but the choicest garments will soon become frumpy through neglect. Gloves when cleaned at home, carefully mended and gently pulled into shape and put away when removed will do good service and necessitate fewer pairs than if carelessly treated. It is all nonsense to get tired of one's clothing or other belongings. Pray, what would have become of the beautiful furniture, china, lace and fur we have inherited had our ancestors tired of their belongings or ceased to give them good care?

The vagaries of the rich can be overlooked, because there is sufficient money to pay for them. Humble folk need to cultivate a different set of rules by which to govern life because whatever money they obtain is paid for in labor by hand or brain. They should have keen eyes for leaks through which pennies slip and invest their dollars where they best fit. Saving is the best method of cutting down extravagance, and a bank book, or an unincumbered piece of property the surest weapon against foolish desires. Try them and see if I am not right.—Boston Traveler.

REMEDY FOR CROUP.

Mrs. Mary Cress Writes Letter That Gives Valuable Information to Mothers.

The following letter has been sent to this office with the request to publish for the benefit of mothers whose children are subject to croup.

Editor of News:

As there are so many dear children at this season of the year suffering with croup, I feel an earnest desire to let mothers know of a remedy for this dread disease.

This is in no way an advertisement, nor do I expect one cent of remuneration, I simply feel so very grateful for the wonderful relief my child has had that I want other mothers to know of it.

I have a little daughter, ten years old, who has had asthmatic croup since she was three months old, so bad she would have violent spasms. We spent hundreds of dollars doctoring her without any relief until I accidentally thought of using Hyomei. Since then she has not had a bad attack and we always go to bed with Hyomei under the pillow. I would rather go without flour in the house than without Hyomei. It is a Godsend to any mother whose children have the croup.

I will gladly answer any letters written me concerning Hyomei. All I say is, if one is discouraged from other remedies, try this.

MRS. MARY E. CRESS,
Third and Commercial Sts.,
Feb. 26, 1904. Atchison, Kansas.

Mrs. Cress recommends a remedy that is undoubtedly well known to our readers, as one of Bethel's leading druggists, G. R. Wiley has the local agency for Hyomei and sells it under a guarantee to refund the money if it does not give satisfaction.

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GRAND LAMA DIES YOUNG.

The Mysterious Wretch Who Nominally Governs Tibet. There is not one person in a hundred in this country who knows who or what the Grand Lama is, although everybody has been talking in very guarded phrases about him since all the hubbub was caused a few days ago respecting the approaching British advance on Tibet, where this personage has his headquarters. The Grand Lama—or Grand Dalai Lama, to give him his full title—is a man, or rather a boy, living in the sacred city of Lhasa, who is generally regarded as an incarnation of Buddha; and inasmuch as the government of Tibet is purely religious, the Grand Lama is the head of it, and nominally the equivalent to the monarch.

The latter reservation has to be made because the real administrator is a person bearing the title of the Gyalpo, in whose hands the Grand Lama appears to be little more than a useful tool. The Grand Lama always dies young, and nobody knows exactly how except this Gyalpo, who could probably write a very few good chapters of Tibetan history concerning the coming and going of the successive Grand Lamas who rarely have a reign of more than twelve years. It is the Buddhist tradition, that they die of a mysterious disease, and in due course the Gyalpo says they have died. But there is always a Grand Lama, and so at the same time he announces that the spirit has descended upon a little child, who will be found in a certain family in a certain house, and whose appearance he describes. The people hurry there, and sure enough there is that same little child, who is carried off to the palace and becomes the new Grand Lama.

The present unfortunate young creature who sits in Buddhist authority over the people of Lhasa has never been seen by any Europeans, least of all by any Englishman, although leading articles are being written about him every day saying what he will do and what he will not, as if he were a grown-up and authoritative monarch. When the Grand Lama was seen by any foreigner, and that is some years ago, he was described as a child of about eight years of age, of bright and fair complexion, rosy cheeks, and large and lustrous eyes. But, though so very juvenile, he was emaciated, and looked already to be quite tired of life. He was sitting upon a peat altar, which was something like an Oriental throne in appearance, and was borne by lions carved in wood. He was a study in yellow. A yellow cloak enveloped his body, and a yellow hat of mitre shape was upon his head. He sat cross legged, and when any visitors approached he put his palms together as a sign of blessing. Surely this is the strangest enemy—if enemy we must regard him—that the British nation ever had.—Men and Women.

Tracks in the Snow.

At no time in the wild animal's life are his movements so clearly revealed as when the tell-tale snow covers the land. The very best time to study the ways of all the terrestrial animals in the country is when a light fall of wet snow has covered the frozen ground; then each footprint is clearly defined. If the snow is too soft, the tracks are blurred and consequently difficult to identify.

If there is much wind the snow covers the tracks, or at least partly obliterates them; so it is advisable, if you would minimize your difficulties, to start as soon as possible after snow has fallen. To him who would study the movements of animals of all kinds from mice, shrews and squirrels to mink, muskrats, and foxes, and birds and beasts of many kinds, the Northern winter is a season of constant pleasure and interest, and many stories of shrewd animal instinct, and tragedies, as well, may be read by tracks in the snow.—Country Life in America.

Japanese Oysters.

Japan has some of the best oysters in the world. One, growing in bays, is rarely larger than a finger nail, and its flavor is delicious. It suggests the California oyster.

The second form averages the size of a "blue point." It is cream colored. It lives abundantly throughout the inland sea.

The third form is immense, specimens weighing four to five pounds being frequent. It rarely inhabits water that is less than two fathoms deep, and is most abundant in about ten fathoms.

The oyster-producing region of Japan is the Inland Sea, and the culturists here worked out a fine scientific method of propagation. This body of water is one of the most important natural preserves of fish and shellfish in the world.—Washington Post.

Monte Carlo Plungers.

A sensation has been created during the past four days by an Italian banker, who is playing the most daring game seen here since the days of Wells, the "bank breaker."

This gentleman, who hails from Rome, plays simultaneously on four tables, and stakes the maximum at every coup. He has just won something like \$50,000, but he has lost far more than that sum since his arrival.

Another big plunger, a rich young American, is playing maximums at roulette, and in one day cleared over \$20,000.

Three times running he backed No. 31, and each time his number came up amid the cheers of the excited crowd of spectators, many of whom were following his lead, but in modest ten or twenty franc stakes.—London Express.

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WIT AND WISDOM.

He Kept His Seat.—The near sighted man comfortably ensconced in the corner of the car, looked up at the woman who was holding a large bundle in one hand while she clung to the strap with the other.

"Madam, said he, a wave of sudden generosity sweeping over him, 'I make it a rule never to give my seat up to any one, but I will be glad to help you. Let me hold your bundle for you.'"

"Oh, thank you, sir," replied the fair passenger, "I hope you know how."

Whereupon she deposited a gurgling six months' old infant in his lap, to the undisguised joy of the rest of the strapholders.

The Keeley Institute in Portland, Maine, on Munjoy Hill, is successfully curing drunkards and drug users.

"Why, Freddie!" exclaimed the excited mother. "What did you drop the baby for?"

"Because," answered Freddie, "grandma said he was a bouncing baby and I wanted to see him bounce."

It's a mistake to imagine that itching piles can't be cured; a mistake to suffer a day longer than you can help. Doan's Ointment brings instant relief and permanent cure. At any drug store, 50 cents.

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Harry—Don't know.

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The Facts in the Case of Powers.

Striking, sensational, in its live and absorbing is the startling revelation of the March McClure's by Hopkins Adams in a forceful statement of the "Case of the State of versus Caleb Powers." a national interest in the a national tragedy which recent Kentucky in twain pulsing thing is that nowhere appeared anything complete and accurate statement of the facts. It is the editorial authority of the fully substantiated, at the time of the trials of Caleb for the murder of William Adams, who died Governor of four years ago, from the of an unknown assassin, paper reports which were both by omission and sent an entirely distorted of the case. The impression of the defendant's guilt thus created so widespread that, outside Kentucky, the conviction of was universally accepted. righteously. Mr. Adams' purposes to deal with the facts in the case, without political opinion. Nothing of a revelation is the result. Simply, directly and vividly. Mr. Adams tells the story of the political feud culminated in the death of He describes the political Kentucky which precipitated tragedy, as much as is known of the tragedy itself connected with it, the trial of Secretary of State Powers; Jim Howard, the tain feudist, and Henry the proven faker and mal generate. The three Powers are described travesties of justice. publican leader was each determined in advance by Democratic juries picked purpose, before prejudice on evidence totally insufficient. The character sketch Mr. draws of Powers is most at It is that of a fine, strong mountaineer of unflin courage, cool and unbroken possession even when cast the very shadows of the Mr. Adams rightly placed responsibility for Powers' conduct and threatened death in State of Kentucky. Under circumstances Powers' father have been precipitated by political party in Kentucky not the party, but the which is at fault.

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Striking, sensational, thrilling in its live and absorbing interest is the startling revelation made in the March McClure's by Samuel Hopkins Adams in a plain and forceful statement of the facts in the "Case of the State of Kentucky versus Caleb Powers." In spite of a national interest in the great political tragedy which so recently rent Kentucky in twain the surprising thing is that there has nowhere appeared anything like a complete and accurate statement of its dramatic details. It is stated on the editorial authority of McClure's, and fully substantiated, that at the time of the trials of Caleb Powers for the murder of William Goebel, who died Governor of Kentucky four years ago, from the rifle shot of an unknown assassin, the newspaper reports which were sent out both by omission and bias presented an entirely distorted view of the case. The impression of the defendant's guilt thus created was so widespread that, outside of Kentucky, the conviction of Powers was universally accepted as righteous. Mr. Adams' article purposes to deal with the actual facts in the case, without respect to political opinion. Nothing short of a revelation is the result.

Simply, directly and vigorously Mr. Adams tells the dramatic story of the political feud which culminated in the death of Goebel. He describes the political situation in Kentucky which precipitated the tragedy, as much as is definitely known of the tragedy itself, events connected with it, the arrest and trial of Secretary of State Caleb Powers; Jim Howard, the mountain feudist, and Henry Youtsey, the proven faker and manifest degenerate. The three trials of Powers are described as mere travesties of justice. The Republican leader was each time condemned in advance by solidly Democratic juries picked for that purpose, before prejudiced judges on evidence totally insufficient.

The character sketch Mr. Adams draws of Powers is most attractive. It is that of a fine, strong, young mountaineer of unflinching courage, cool and unbroken self-possession even when standing in the very shadows of the gallows. Mr. Adams rightly places the responsibility for Powers' conviction and threatened death upon the State of Kentucky. Under similar circumstances Powers' fate might have been precipitated by either political party in Kentucky. It is not the party, but the system, which is at fault.

This timely article adds materially to McClure's reputation as an exponent of national journalism. Tearing the veil of partisanship from the case it lets in the light of unbiased truth which is

simple justice and common humanity is due. In the light of an enlightened public sentiment it does not seem possible that the State of Kentucky will care to assume the onus of a legal lynching, no matter how bitter may be the political feud which would inspire it.

PARIS.

Mrs. Carrie A. Briggs is visiting in Lewiston.

J.-Q. Allen is hauling timber to the Mason Mfg. Co., for C. W. Shaw.

Paris Grange will have an all day meeting Mar. 19, Norway Grange degree staff will work the degrees Prof. W. M. Munson of the State College at Orono will be present and lecture on Worn Out Farms.

Joseph Briggs was at Mechanic Falls, on business recently.

Frank Penley is hauling hay to South Paris for A. O. Corbett.

Fairfield Lewis is at work for F. L. Starbird.

Albert Cash is cutting cord wood for W. K. Clifford.

Guy Cotton visited in Norway recently.

Mrs. Amos Canwell is much improved in health.

Life Guards.

The Life Guards are two regiments of cavalry forming part of the British household troops. They are gallant soldiers, and every loyal British heart is proud of them. Not only the King's household, but yours, ours, everybody's should have its life guards. The need of them is especially great when the greatest foes of life, diseases, find allies in the very elements, as colds, influenza, catarrh, the grip and pneumonia do in the stormy month of March. The best way that we know of to guard against these diseases is to strengthen the system with Hood's Sarsaparilla—the greatest of all life guards. It removes the conditions in which these diseases make their most successful attack, gives vigor and tone to all the vital organs and functions, and imparts a genial warmth to the blood. Remember the weaker the system the greater the exposure to disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the system strong.

NORTH NEWRY.

At the church social at Kilgore's Hall on Saturday evening Feb. 20 the Musical Romance was played very successfully by Mrs. John Menchen and Mrs. Dennis Kilgore. The first prize was won by Mrs. Eli W. Stearns.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION

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The World Owes Much to Women's Curiosity.

Certain men who really know nothing of character are prone, in and out of season, to make slighting remarks regarding women's curiosity and to treat it as if it were a weakness of which women should be ashamed.

The truth is, the world owes more to women's curiosity than it ever can repay. In this age of higher criticism we can well afford to pass over that little incident in the Garden of Eden. Perhaps Eve was led into the commission of the first recorded sin by curiosity, and perhaps she was not. There are many reasons for believing that the story is slightly exaggerated.

But, coming down to more modern times, we know that it is the curiosity of women and man's attempt to satisfy it that have led to all the great discoveries and achievements of modern times, from the discovery of America to the invention of the telephone.

And to come down to the present day, Mrs. Tomey, of Washington Boulevard, would have lost most of her valuable possessions and priceless heirlooms the other day if her curiosity had not prompted her to arise from a sickbed and inquire into certain unusual noises going on down stairs.

A man under similar circumstances would have remained in bed. He would "guess" that everything was all right, turn over, and maybe go to sleep. He would think that no thief would dare to remove his portable property while he was in the house. He would have no curiosity about the matter, and the chances are that when his wife returned after the lapse of a few hours and told him that all the family jewels and furniture had been removed, he would blame her for the curiosity that kept her down town while the place was being robbed.

Mrs. Tomey heard strange noises. She got up and descended the stairs. She saw two robbers piling up the family bric-a-brac in the parlor, preparatory to removing it to a carriage which was awaiting them in front of the house. She screamed. The robbers fled. She went back to bed.

Sneering males will say that it is only once in a long time that woman's curiosity is put to practical account. This is because they do not know woman and her ways. When her curiosity is aroused she is ready to face any peril in order to satisfy it, if there is no man within reach who will satisfy it for her.—New York Mail and Express.

Hoaxed by His Own Hoax.

When Rufus Hatch was in his prime there was a little restaurant down town where the men of finance took luncheon. Hatch went in one day and found every table occupied. He was in a hurry. There seemed to be no chance. So he said to the man in charge, loud enough to be heard all over the small room: "Terrible accident down at the Battery."

"What?" asked the manager.

"Full-rigged ship has just gone down with a lot of people on board."

There was an immediate rush for the door. Tables were deserted and the men who were eating ran pell-mell down Broadway. Hatch sat down and ate a quiet luncheon. Then he paid his check and went out. The street was full of people running toward the Battery.

"What's the matter?" asked Hatch.

"Ship gone down with a lot of people on board!" gasped a runner.

"Gracious!" shouted Hatch, "is that so? I must see that," and he, too, ran down the street, hoaxed by his own hoax.—Philadelphia Post.

Box Office in Fiji Islands.

An entertainer who visited the Fiji Islands and gave his performance before the natives had the following receipts for one night: Four sucking pigs, 800 coconuts, 1,000 of a common class of moonstone collected on the beach, forty pearls, twenty-three model canoes, 200 yards of native cloth, forty-two Fiji costumes, three whale's teeth, hundreds of sharks' teeth, one or two cartloads of beautiful coral, war implements, such as spears, knobsticks, and knives, native mats and pillows and seven grog bowls.—Exchange.

Family Ages Totaled 1,218 Years.

Lutterworth, near Leicester, claims the distinction of having been the home of the longest-lived large family in the kingdom. The last member of this remarkable family has just died at the age of eighty-eight. Her name was Ruth Moore, and she was one of a family of thirteen children, three of whom died at the age of seventy-five, one at seventy-six, one at seventy-seven, one at eighty, one at eighty-one, one at eighty-three, two at eighty-five, two at eighty-eight, and one at ninety. Each of the parents died at eighty and the united ages of the family of fifteen total 1,218 years.—Exchange.

The Smallest Check.

Maurice Proctor, of Mineral Point, Wis., is said to receive the smallest check drawn by the National Government. The slip of paper with the seal of Uncle Sam on it calls for 1 cent, and is paid annually. It is in remuneration in full for carrying the mails from Mineral Point to Dodgeville. About twelve months ago, when the bids were made for the contract, there was a deal of rivalry among a dozen or more of those who wished to serve the Government in this capacity, and Proctor, who is wealthy and does not need the money, offered, in due form, faithfully and promptly to perform this task for a penny a year.—Kansas City Journal.

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St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

It is curious that St. Elizabeth of Hungary, whose festival was recently celebrated, should have spent only the first four years of her life in the country which always distinguishes her name. She was just four when her father, the King of Hungary, sent her to Thuringia to be betrothed to the nine-year-old Prince Louis; and there she remained all through her childhood and married life, until her death in 1231. Perhaps, says the London Chronicle, because she is one of the few saints whose holiness did not preclude love and marriage, she always seems a particularly human saint; and the tales that are told of her, how, for instance, she gave away her toys and dolls to poor children when she was but a baby herself, how the food she was taking to beggars in a covered basket turned to red and white roses when her husband lifted the lid, how she heard a bird singing to her on her deathbed and sang to it in reply—all point to the poetry and charm which are associated with her name.

Arresting the Czar.

Motorists will be amused to hear of an adventure which befell the Czar when he was staying at Darmstadt a short time ago. The Czar was driving in a motor car with Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia and the Grand Duke of Hesse; and, when passing through Bockenheim, a suburb of Frankfurt, the car slipped on the greasy cobblestones and came in contact with the wall of a house. Happily no harm was done, but the car had hardly been backed into the road again when a policeman stopped it and demanded the name of the owner. The Czar replied, "I am the Emperor of Russia," and the policeman was so taken aback that he let the car go on without taking any further steps. The Czarina was much amused at the incident, and it is said that she has made the momentary arrest of the Czar the subject of one of her caricatures.—London Sketch.

The Stomach Not Indispensable.

At a meeting of medical men in Vienna the other day Dr. Ullman presented a woman of sixty-two years whose entire stomach had been removed in an operation for cancer. Nevertheless, she digests all her food and has gained weight since the operation. The doctor stated that the operation of removing the stomach had now been successfully performed over twenty times. The stomach really plays only a small part in the complex act of digestion, its principal use being that of a reservoir. Hence it is that without this organ meals have to be taken inconveniently often and unusually small. There are several little organs, of complex chemical function, far more indispensable than the stomach, which are seldom heard of. We could not exist, for instance, without the suprarenal capsules and the pancreas.—Harper's Weekly.

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Mortgage Loans,	457,200 00
Collateral Loans,	80,000 00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,766,682 50
Cash in Office and Bank,	212,047 17
Agents' Balances,	171,617 64
Interest and Rents,	13,339 00
All other Assets,	11,278 77
Gross Assets,	\$3,877,846 77
Admitted Assets,	\$3,877,846 70
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 230,180 05
Unearned Premiums,	1,421,416 51
All other Liabilities,	32,704 06
Cash Capital,	1,000,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities,	1,193,546 08
Total liabilities and surplus,	\$3,877,846 70

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.	
Mortgage loans,	\$215,950.00
Collateral loans,	1,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	1,823.30
Cash in Office and Bank,	3,243.49
Agents' Balances,	17,392.28
Bills Receivable,	1,427.03
Interest and rents,	2,875.60
All other assets,	3,785.34
Gross Assets,	\$270,499.74
Deduct Items not Admitted,	\$1,441.41
Admitted Assets,	\$269,058.33
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$3,460.18
Unearned Premiums,	84,108.83
Cash Capital,	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	81,489.34
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$269,058.33

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.	
Mortgage loans,	\$ 268,440 05
Collateral loans,	175,000 00
Stocks and bonds,	206,380 38
Cash in office and bank,	72,820 39
Agents' balances,	63,183 89
Bills receivable,	3,733 28
Interest and rents,	11,450 08
All other assets,	797,115 63
Gross assets,	\$1,568,123 65
Deduct items not admitted,	97,258 50
Admitted assets,	\$1,470,865 15
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net unpaid losses,	\$ 111,059 00
Unearned premiums,	810,733 23
All other liabilities,	130,177 51
Cash Capital,	300,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities,	118,895 41
Total liabilities and surplus,	\$1,470,865 15

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.	
Mortgage Loans,	\$9,500.00
Collateral Loans,	421,500.00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,969,615.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	178,645.04
Agents' Balances,	238,468.44
Gross Assets,	\$3,817,728.48
Admitted Assets,	\$3,817,728.48
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$161,915.74
Unearned Premiums,	1,370,444.62
All other Liabilities,	35,770.26
Cash Capital,	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	1,249,597.86
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$3,817,728.48

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.	
Real Estate,	\$ 255,500 00
Stocks and Bonds,	2,525,563 28
Cash in Office and Bank,	59,100 56
Agents' Balances,	11,101 06
Bills Receivable,	6,681 16
Interest and Rents,	11,496 25
All other Assets,	395,101 80
Gross Assets,	\$2,982,544 11
Deduct items not admitted,	23,722 37
Admitted Assets,	\$2,958,821 74
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net unpaid Losses,	\$502,598 45
Unearned Premiums,	782,530 24
All other liabilities, Safety Reserve,	100,000 00
Cash Capital,	750,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities,	823,393 08
Total liabilities and surplus,	\$2,958,821 77

THE DELAWARE INSURANCE CO., of Philadelphia, Pa.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.	
Real Estate,	\$ 200,000 00
Mortgage Loans,	140,700 00
Collateral Loans,	235,000 00
Stocks and Bonds,	972,284 69
Cash in Office and Bank,	44,101 89
Agents' Balances,	168,514 61
Interest and Rents,	15,827 41
All other Assets,	1,294 00
Gross Assets,	\$1,786,722 60
Deduct items not admitted,	11,513 01
Admitted Assets,	\$1,775,209 59
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$ 72,550 00
Unearned Premiums,	811,434 26
All other Liabilities,	29,420 04
Cash Capital,	702,875 00
Surplus over all liabilities,	158,930 29
Total liabilities and surplus,	\$1,775,209 59

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Wakeful Children.

For a long time the two year old child of Mr. P. L. McPherson, 59 N. Tenth St., Harrisburg, Pa., would sleep but two or three hours in the early part of the night, which made it very hard for her parents. Her mother concluded that the child had stomach trouble, and gave her half of one of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which quieted her stomach and she slept the whole night through. Two boxes of these Tablets have effected a permanent cure and she is now well and strong.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

GILEAD.

James McMann got his neck badly hurt by an old tree falling on him but is now improving.

Miss Lillian Blake is at H. P. Wheeler's.

Miss Cora Lary who has been visiting her sister at Island Pond has returned home much improved in health.

Frank Heath is moving to Bethel where he has employment in the mill.

Feb.—, Born to the wife of Neal McLaine, a son.

Colds Cause Pneumonia.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by G. R. Wiley.

STATE OF MAINE.

Public Notice.

In conformity with the provisions of Chapter forty two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety nine, and upon the petition of five or more citizens of the State, and deeming it for the best interest of the State, the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, after due notice to all persons interested in the subject matter of said petition, and public hearing thereon in the locality to be affected, and deeming it necessary and proper for the protection and preservation of the inland fish of the State, hereby adopt the following Rules and Regulations relating to the times and places in which and the circumstances under which inland fish may be taken in the waters of Songo Pond, in Albany, Oxford County.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Section 1. Songo Pond in Albany is hereby closed to all kinds of fishing for any kind of fish, or through the ice, for four years from February first, A. D. 1904.

Dated this Twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1904.

L. T. CARLTON, Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game.

H. O. STANLEY, Fisheries and Game.

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ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Nahum Scribner was at home from Litchfield for town meeting. In spite of the rain there was a good attendance at the Grange Monday night.

Fred and Charlie Scribner have gone to Bethel to work for Isaac Morrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kimball welcomed a baby girl to their home Feb. 28.

Mr. W. I. Beckler and wife, and Mrs. Amos L. Bean attended Pomona Grange at West Paris recently.

Maud Beckler will return to Kineo soon.

Both Saved Gallons.

Devoe is worth \$4 or \$5 a gallon, put-on; how much is another paint worth?

Depends on how many gallons you've got to put-on, to be equal to one of Devoe.

Mr. J. J. Hall, Sheffield, Pa., painted two houses one coat, five years ago, lead-and-oil, took 40 gallons.

Last summer bought 40 gallons Devoe for same houses; had 10 gallons left.

Mr. N. Avery, Delhi, N. Y., owns two houses exactly alike; painted one with Devoe; took six gallons. The other with some other; took 12 gallons.

What'd you give for those off paints? Bear in mind, you've got to pay for the painting.

G. R. Wiley.

"Woman is a riddle. She keeps us guessing."

"Yes, but we never give her up."

JAPAN AS A NAVAL POWER.

She Draws Her Seamen from a Fish

ing Population of Two Millions.

In 1858 Queen Victoria presented a small steam yacht to the Emperor of Japan, detailing some British blue-jackets to the duty of instructing the Japanese in the management of that class of vessel. The Japanese undertook to handle the craft before they had thoroughly learned their lesson, and on the first voyage, when they wanted to stop, they discovered that they had forgotten how this operation was performed. They therefore steamed round and round the Gulf of Yeddo until the fires died down, and then the yacht was tugged home.

Since then Japan has risen to the position of one of the great naval powers, and her progress of recent years has been nothing short of marvelous. At the time of her war with China her whole fleet displaced about thirty thousand tons; to-day the aggregate displacement is over two hundred and fifty thousand tons. Japan has a fishing population of about two million men, and from this section of the community she draws her seamen. Hitherto she has been depending upon other countries for the construction of her vessels, but the time is near at hand when she will be able to throw off the assistance of the Western world. Her arsenals are already capable of building protected cruisers and torpedo craft, and a gun factory and armor plate factory are now being established which will soon be ready to begin work.

Her seamen are men of intelligence, resource and sea lore, and capable of quickly acquiring sufficient mechanical skill to enable them to control the complex mechanism of their modern men-of-war with complete success. They desire no pampering and they can live on the simplest food, and sleep anywhere; but in their new ships they have more air and, in some respects, greater comforts than are to be found on many, if not most, British men-of-war.

These sailors of the far East take things very much as they find them, with a stoical calm. They face danger with much the same spirit with which they take their pleasure, and in spite of the rapid strides which civilization has made in their country their luxuries are few and they are contented and happy. They are devoted to simple sports, to fencing, and to acting; no one can ever forget the dramatic entertainments on board Japanese men-of-war who has been privileged to witness them. Nor does the memory soon become dim of one of these ships when decked out in gala dress with chrysanthemums, cherry blossoms and other blossoms typical of Japan enlivening the grim aspect of the decks. The men are adepts in the making of imitation paper flowers, which so closely resemble the handiwork of nature that at a casual glance one hardly notices the deception.—North American Review.

Happy, Healthy Children.

Any child can take Little Early Risers with perfect safety. They are harmless, never gripe or sicken, and yet they are so certain in results that robust constitutions requiring drastic means are never disappointed. They cannot fail to perform their mission and every one who uses DeWitt's Little Early Risers prefer them to all other pills. They cure biliousness. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

CUNNING OF THE 'POSSUM.

How He Fools the Dogs on His Trail.

He will usually go home by a tree-trunk road. Through the open country on the boundaries of his range he trots along without minding his steps. The dogs may have all the fun here with his trail that they can. He intends only that they shall not find his home tree, nor even the vicinity of it.

So, as he enters his own neighborhood swamp, his movements change. The dogs may be hard after him or not. If they are not close behind he knows by long experience that they may be expected and never so far forgets his precious skin as to go straight to his nest-tree.

Instead he trots along a boundary fence or in the stream, leaping the crossing logs and coming out, likely, on the bank opposite his home tree. Farther down he jumps the stream, runs hard toward a big gum and from a dozen feet away takes a flying leap, catching the rough trunk up just out of reach of the keen-nosed dogs. He goes on up a little and leaps again, touching the ground ten feet out, thus leaving a blank of twenty or more feet in his trail.

The stream or fence has puzzled the dogs, but now at the tree they begin to worry. They circle and finally pick up the scent behind the first gap, only to run instantly into a greater blank, one that the widest circling does not cross. For the 'possum' has taken to another tree, out on the limbs of this to still another, and on like a squirrel, from tree to tree for perhaps a hundred yards, on it may be, to his own high hollow.—National Magazine.

A Mince Pie Dream.

A prosperous newcomer in a small Ohio town was not able to find a house suitable for his family requirements, save one that had the reputation of being "haunted." Not being superstitious, he occupied it the first night alone. About midnight he was awakened by a scratching at the foot of the bed and beheld a terrible object peering at him over the footboard with great yellow blinking eyes. With one bound he jumped over the object, landed in the middle of the floor, rushed through the hall, down the stairway and out the front door, with the "haunt" after him. He leaped fences, rose bushes, dog houses and ash barrels, until he reached an open country road, where he found another object, which soon overtook him.

"Haven't we had an awful chase getting away from that old black cat?" it said. He turned and beheld a headless man.

"Yes, but it ain't nothin' to the one I am going to have gettin' away from you."—Cleveland Leader.

Ambiguous.

The matter of getting evidence upon oath is at times a difficult one, even when the witness is forthcoming. We all know the curious methods devised by the varying nationalities represented from time to time in our courts. But what is to be done with a man obviously a pagan who has yet been baptized? It puzzled the Court at Lancaster Assizes. A Chinese was to give evidence, but betrayed a patent ignorance of the solemnity of the vow he was asked to make. "Was he baptized?" "Oh, yes, aller town I come to I baptized." The judge sent into the retiring room of another judge who was trying civil cases, but was at the moment at lunch. His advice was asked. The nisi prius judge was a good man, but had Lord Melbourne's manner of expressing himself. "Swear the devil according to the laws of his country," he said. "But, my lord, he says he is a Christian," replied the clerk. "Christian he d—d. He's no more a Christian than I am."—St. James's Gazette.

Does the Man Love First?

Certainly this is a question of great interest. Does the girl fall in love sooner than the man? In the majority of cases we should answer "No." A girl makes friends more readily than a man, and she dreams much sooner than the man; but the actual passing of the borderland of love is usually accomplished first by him.

A man often declares his love long before the girl has felt more than a passing interest in him. Sometimes we know that the mere fact of his devotion to her produces that affection which he is so desirous to obtain.

The fact that a girl loves a man does not often provoke a like feeling in him, but it is quite otherwise with the gentler sex.

A girl sees a man's affection for her; is flattered; pities him; and finally gives him her love. Not the best kind of love, perhaps, for that is a treasure secured by few.

The Kaiser and the Magpie.

The Kaiser lately reviewed a feathered veteran of the German army. One of his regiments has a pet magpie, which is full of militarism, and very proud of its parade step. When the Kaiser visited the regimental quarters recently he asked for this accomplished bird. In illustration there is a picture of the incident. There is the Kaiser sitting sternly in the saddle, and there is the magpie with its martial air.

What "Panama" Means.

It is supposed by some that Panama derived its name from the native word for butterfly. Explorers of the interior tell of swarms of butterflies which at times rise on the slopes of the mountains in dense clouds, darkening the sunshine. Others maintain that the name is from an Indian word meaning abounding in fish.—National Geographic Magazine.

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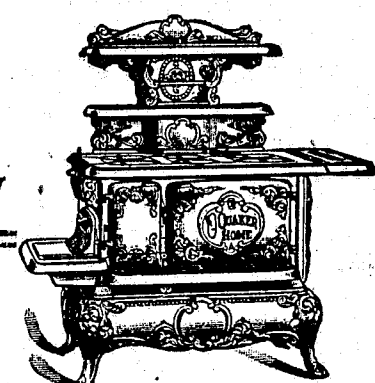
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